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Cleveland to Head Division of NASA

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 —

Henry E. Billingsley of Cleveland will soon be named one of the top-ranking officials of the new civilian space agency.

The 43-year-old Pentagon expert, now a leading Defense Department authority on western Europe, will head the international division of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Administrator T. Keith Glennan — another Cleveland — is expected to make the announcement in a few days.

When it created NASA, Congress put great emphasis on the development of an international space program. Billingsley's task will be to relate our efforts to that program. In view of the East-West conflict, his job will be one of the most important in the space agency.

Within our government, it will mean relations with Defense and State Departments, the United States Information Agency and Central Intelligence Agency and the supersecret national security council and operations co-ordinating board.

Abroad, Billingsley will deal with appropriate officials of foreign governments, with U. S. representatives and with organi-

zations such as NATO and the United Nations.

As Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy's chief of the western European division, international security affairs, the Cleveland-er had had years of experience in all of these areas.

Seeks Wide-Range Program

Congress said that NASA "must be organized first as an active agent of international cooperation and ultimately as the basis for an international organization."

The select space committee's report called for a program ranging from collection and dissemination of information in several languages to initiation by the U. S. of a United Nations international conference on peaceful applications of rocket power.

There must be greater exchange of information between governments, scientists and people. Cooperative projects must be developed. Foundations

must be built for eventual use of facilities abroad.

Billingsley has been a civilian in the Defense Department since 1952. His present responsibility is the development of defense policy for western Europe. In this capacity, and in the late 1940s with the State Department, he has been a participant of many international conferences.

After a Pacific sea tour during World War II, he occupied several planning and intelligence positions. He was recalled to active intelligence duty in the Korean War.

Born in Indianapolis, Billingsley was brought up in Cleveland and attended schools there. He was graduated from Yale in 1938, studied at Western Reserve University, George Washington University and John Marshall Law School for a law degree, at American University here for a masters degree in international relations

and at Georgetown University here for a doctorate in the same field.

He is also a graduate of the select National War College.

Billingsley is the son of the late Allen Billingsley, president of the Fuller and Smith and Ross Advertising agency. His mother lives in Cleveland. He, his wife, Ann, and five children live in suburban Maryland here.